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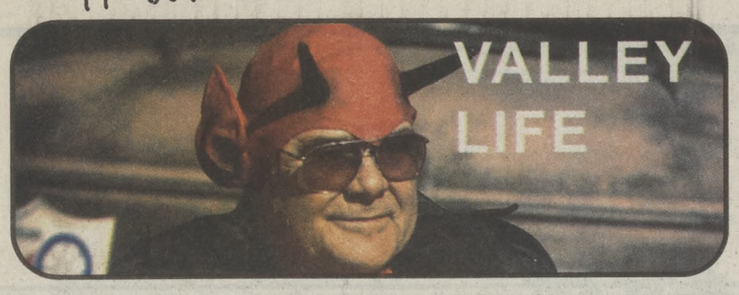

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Clubs Help to Drive Out Hunger

■ *Two campus clubs worked together to collect canned goods for a local shelter.*

BY CATHLEEN KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

Valley clubs did their part this week to help the homeless enjoy a Thanksgiving feast.

Members of M.E.Ch.A. (Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan) and the Black Student Union held a food drive Nov. 25 and 26 to benefit the Lankershim Valley Shelter in North Hollywood. Students, faculty, staff and campus club members donated dozens of packages of non-perishable foods and canned goods.

M.E.Ch.A. and B.S.U. set up collection bins with colorful posters in the Lion's Den, campus center, admissions building and library, with hopes that students who frequented those areas would bring goods to donate. However, club members on campus made most donations.

"This was a great opportunity bringing two exciting clubs together," said Hilda Petrushkin, spokesperson for M.E.Ch.A. "Our groups both had a common goal and I hope we can do it again next year."

The collected goods were brought to the Lankershim Valley Shelter Tuesday night. Founded in 1983 by a group of concerned citizens and interfaith clergy in the San Fernando Valley, the shelter's mission is to provide a safe, caring and service-enriched environment to help homeless families and individuals rebuild their lives. Since its inception, the shelter has provided housing and caring, supportive services to over 46,000 homeless and low-income people.

"The number of donations

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Happy Thanksgiving

STAR PHOTO/TAMMY ABBOTT

THANKSGIVING TREAT - Riley Quinn Scott finds a feast at Topia Brothers' annual pumpkin patch festival. This picture won third place for bring-in photos at the Journalism Association of Community College's fall convetion.

Armenian Students Show Pride

■ *Balloons depicting the national colors of America and Armenia festooned Monarch Square for the A.S.A.'s second annual cultural celebration.*

BY BEN JAURON
NEWS EDITOR

Traditional Armenian violin music and dancing marked Armenian Culture Day on Nov. 20, presented by the Armenian Student Association. More than 100 people from Valley College and the surrounding community gathered in Monarch Square to join the festivities, which included guest speakers and a traditional Armenian barbecue.

"It's just like the author William Saroyan said, 'When two Armenians get together anywhere in the world they create their own Armenia,' and that's true at Valley College," said Ardashes Kassakhian, government relations director of the Armenian National Committee of America's Western Region. Kassakhian said Armenia was the first country to make Christianity its national religion in 301 A.D., and Possibly the oldest copy of the Bible sits in Yerevan, the Armenian capital.

The program included a solo performance by violinist Aram Gasparyan and folk dancing by children of the Devin Dance Group. This was followed by a speech from Kassakhian and a recitation by Carmen Vardanyan of the poem "I love Armenia" by Eghishe Charentc. The event began shortly after noon and lasted until 2 p.m.

Because the event was held at a college, Kassakhian focused his speech on the importance of education in Armenian culture, noting the Armenian holiday "Holy Translators Day" celebrated in October. "We must educate others and be willing to be educated by others," he said.

"It's nice to see so much of the community out here and not just students," said Sherri Rodriguez, associate dean of student services. "This is what we want to have happen with the clubs — introduce us to different cultures."

Another theme of the event was promotion for the independent film "Ararat" directed by Atom Egoyan, about

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Faculty Encourages Mentoring Program for Black Students

■ *B.S.U. club members work to form an alliance with faculty and staff to help combat low transfer rates among black students.*

BY ANGIE OMUTA
FOR THE STAR

More than 65 black students, faculty and staff gathered in the fireside room Wednesday for a reception organized by the Black Student Union, in an attempt to enact strategies to improve black students' success rate.

"Blacks should never give up on their people," said B.S.U. commissioner of political affairs Tyrone Cain. "Dreams have no expiration date."

Vice president of student services Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye distributed ethnicity transfer statistics from the California post-secondary education commission, which showed that only 40 of the 1,228 students transferring in the 2001-02 school year were black.

"We are trying to support students in any way we can to get the transfer rates up," said Delahoussaye. "That's the express purpose of this meeting."

A panel of four Valley College students discussed strategies to improve black student success. Among the tactics suggested were developing a mentoring program and establishing a networking system.

"We need to hold ourselves accountable to one another," said panelist Billy Jordan.

A mentoring program can reach many students. It would be an opportunity for them to spend time with successful professionals, and it may be the first such opportunity for many black students.

"I'm absolutely excited about the prospect of having a mentor relation between students and faculty," said Valley College President Dr. Tyree Wieder. "We need to empower our students to set goals they can achieve by providing support and encouragement every step of the way."

A.S.U. commissioner of fine arts and cultural affairs James Brevard agreed with the need for a mentorship program and would like to see a system for increasing the availability of black students' scholarship applications and filling them out. He also said students can use help with letters of recommenda-

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STAR PHOTO/STERLING ANDREWS

YES THEY CAN- M.E.Ch.A.club members collected dozens of canned goods to benefit the Lankershim Valley Shelter for Thanksgiving.

STAR PHOTO/JORGE GALLEGOS

SIDEWALK CAFÉ- Joe Avila standing by the new coffee machines at tne Sidewalk Cafe.

Café Business Sluggish

■ *Despite its opening earlier this semester few students and faculty have patronized the sidewalk café.*

BY NICOLE SUNKES
STAFF WRITER

It may be off to a slow start, but campus officials hope business will start picking up in the sidewalk café.

More than a month has passed since the café opened on the back patio of the cafeteria, across from the tennis courts, but customers are still scarce despite several e-mails, flyers and coupons sent to students, faculty and staff.

"We didn't open until Oct. 23," said cafeteria supervisor Robert Allan. "By that time, it

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Discoverer or Destroyer?

COURTESY OF CATHLEEN KENNEDY

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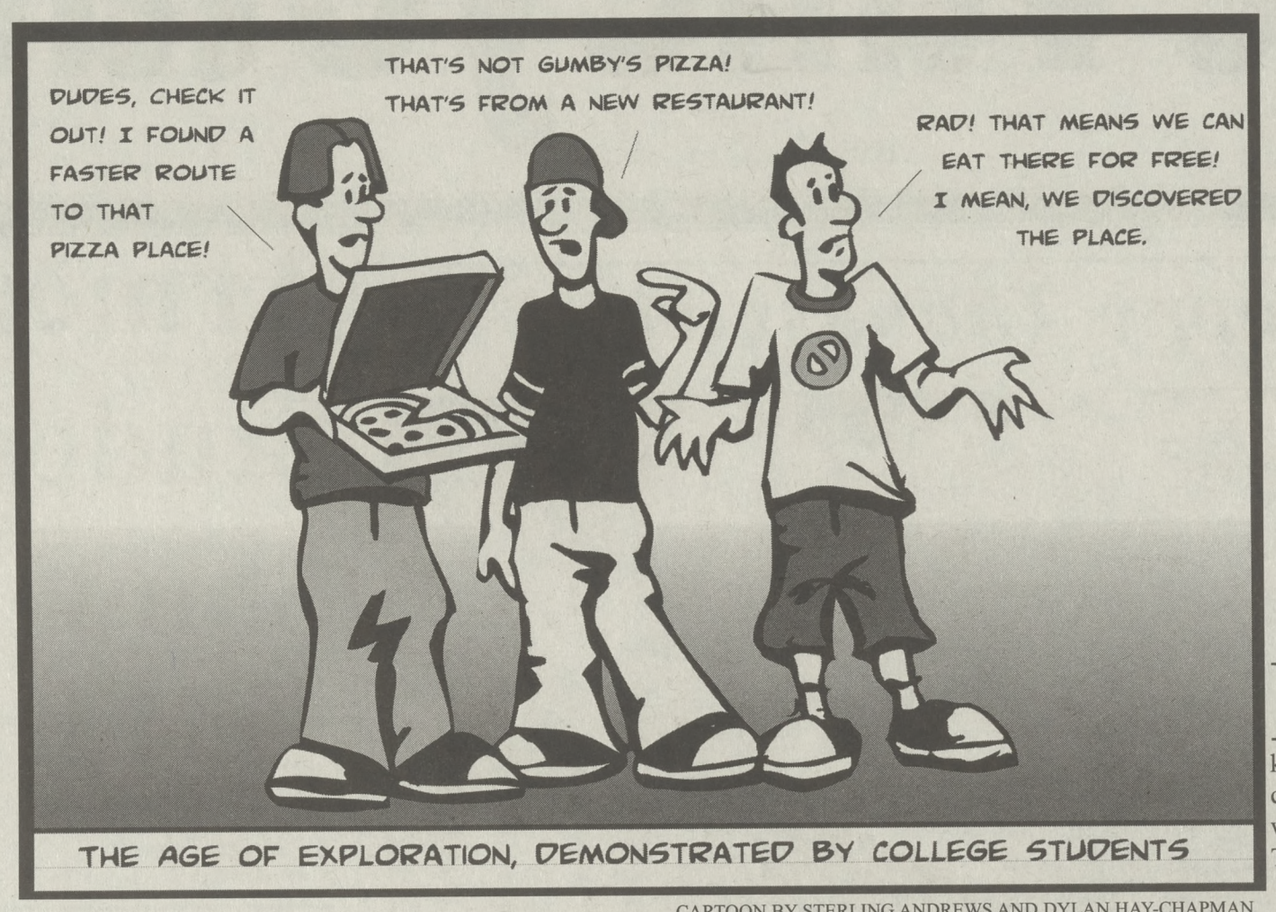

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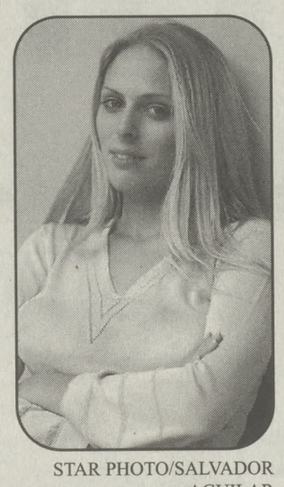

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STERLING ANDREWS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Christopher Columbus is remembered as one of the greatest explorers and visionaries in European history. Although I feel his reputation has been somewhat tarnished in recent years with debates over whether he "discovered" a New World, it is undeniable that his acts of bravery forever changed the course of history.

Fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue. This is the way most of our images of Christopher Columbus started out. In grade school, many of us were taught of the phenomenal explorer who "discovered America." In 1937, that President Roosevelt began an All-American holiday to celebrate the Italian explorer's discoveries and proclaimed October 12 as Columbus Day.

Christopher Columbus was an outstanding navigator and organizer of expeditions. He achieved fame by sailing west across the Atlantic Ocean in search of a sea route to Asia, but instead found landfall in the Caribbean Sea. His landing at Puerto Rico was the main foundation for the claim that he "discovered America".

I think Columbus should be honored. In doing this we honor Western civilization. The anti-Columbus crowd does not want to do this because their goals are to denigrate the values of Western civilization and glorify the tribal cultures of American Indians. Did you ever read about some of the tribes Columbus discovered? Cannibalism and human sacrifice are not considered civilized.

Western civilization stands for people at their best. It stands for the values that make life, as we know it, possible. It stands for the objectively superior culture, which all became possible because of the courage and determination of one man.

The critics will argue that Columbus was responsible for the decline of the Indian population. It is true that the Indian population perished in great numbers after the arrival of the Europeans. However, the vast majority in the decline was not because of deliberate destruction. Studies show the lessening occurred because of the contagious diseases that the Europeans transmitted to the Indians. The Indians had not developed any resistance or immunity to unfamiliar ailments and perished in catastrophic numbers due to measles and smallpox.

Many people believe that the tradition of Columbus Day is celebrating the state of a culture, the Americas. Without Columbus' effects, good or bad, the colonization of this country would not have occurred.

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First of all, let's make it perfectly clear that we all know Columbus's "discovery" has nothing to do with the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. However, many people will argue that the Pilgrims would have had nowhere to go if Columbus hadn't stumbled upon this land, as one U.S. president was rumored to say in the early 1980s, "completely uninhabited," and encouraged others to come check out this "New World." Therefore, Columbus should be honored at every major American holiday, right?

I certainly don't think so. In honoring Columbus, we don't honor western civilization; we honor the idea that western civilization is "right." Not only did Columbus open the doors for the intercontinental slave trade, he and his men killed hundreds of thousands of native peoples through forced labor, sport, and disease. If the American people wanted to believe that someone other than a white, Christian explorer had the capability to sail across the ocean more than 500 years ago, we would no longer be teaching children that Columbus "discovered" anything, and might be more accepting of the overwhelming evidence that western explorers weren't the first ones here.

Even if Columbus was the first intercontinental explorer to set foot on American soil, he had no idea he'd "discovered" an entire continent, and died believing he'd found a remote group of islands off the coast of Asia. Norse explorer Leif Erickson, on the other hand, knew exactly what he'd found when he and his men wintered somewhere on the North American East Coast around the year 1000, then returned to Greenland to encourage others to colonize what he called "Vinland." However, scientists reported early pottery fragments found in Central and South America are indistinguishable from ceramics found in Japan before 3000 B.C.E. In a 1975 article by Dr. Betty Meggers of the Smithsonian Institute, Meggers revealed significant evidence that the Olmec – an ancient, pre-Mayan culture – came in direct contact with Chinese explorers sometime between 1750 and 1100 B.C.E. But perhaps the most interesting evidence of pre-Columbian intercontinental exploration was revealed when scientists discovered traces of cocaine and nicotine in the hair shafts and intestines of ancient Egyptian mummies, and the existence of an Egyptian Hieroglyph for corn. Corn, coca and tobacco don't grow anywhere besides the Americas.

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letter to the editor

Dear Editors,

If the Dialogue (Under God, Under Fire; Nov. 13) had been a football game, the score would have been Andrews, 76 – Kennedy, 0.

Kennedy writes, "Our founding fathers must be spinning in their graves." Not likely, since the pledge was created more than a hundred years after the adoption of the constitution. Her argument about the possible banning of "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful" is specious, since they are not anthems. Her questions create heat, but no light. Andrews presents logic, something the politicians ignored because waving the flag seemed the popular thing to do.

Best wishes,
Abraham Hoffman
Instructor, HHLPS

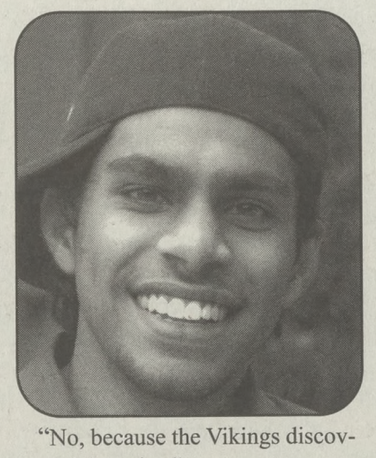
Campus View

Should children be taught that Columbus discovered America?

BY TAMMY ABBOTT

"Yes, it's too complicated to change what has been our history since our country began. Maybe once the kids get into high school, then they could be taught other ideas."

Flora Aslanian
Undecided

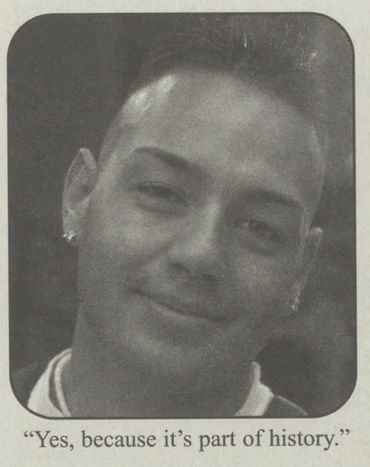


"No, because the Vikings discovered America."

Azam Medhi
Cognitive Science

"No, he wasn't the first person to discover America, this country was already inhabited with Native Americans."

Sarah Majidzadeh
Sociology



"Yes, because it's part of history."

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Campus Scene

A Christmas Carol
Wednesday-Saturday,
December 4, 5, 6, 7
Thursday-Saturday,

December 12, 13, 14,
19, 20, 21
Horseshoe Theatre, 8:00 p.m.
Admission charge
LAVC College Choir and Chamber Singers

Jennifer Kelly, Conductor
Thursday, December 5
Music Recital Hall, 11:30 a.m.
LAVC Guitar Ensemble

Robert Mayeur, Director
Friday, December 6
Music Recital Hall, 8:00 p.m.
Admission charge

LAVC Wind Ensemble
Michael Mertens, Conductor
Monday, December 9
Mainstage Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

Puente Students Get a Leg Up

BY SERENA DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

Community college students face several obstacles when attempting to transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Many have difficulties passing English, others need a boost in confidence to continue with their education. With the Puente Project at Valley College, students will not only pass that English class, they will learn more about themselves than they ever imagined.

The Puente Project, an academic program that started at Valley eight years ago, was designed for Latino college students who lack either the English skills or the support system necessary to be successful in college. Because affirmative action is still a controversial issue in the state of California, the program is not limited to Latino students, but does place emphasis on Latino culture. More than 94 percent of Puente students are of Hispanic origin.

"The focus of the program is transferring," said Ivna Gusmao, a Puente counselor who works with students on a weekly basis. "Puente allows me to guide students on a closer level, which is something you don't get from the regular counseling department."

The program, which spans 44 California community colleges and 31 high schools, was started by the University of California in 1981 and has three components: accelerated English instruction, intensive academic counseling and mentoring.

Students take English 28 in the fall and 101 in the spring. They are in the same class with each other all year and are taught by the same instructor, therefore creating more a "familia" – family atmosphere. Puente instructor Rod Moore said that student's focus more on personal issues such as family and heritage during their first semester, and more on research during the second semester. This spring students will learn about music and film in the Latino market.

"Puentistas," as students affectionately call each other, take part in intensive academic counseling. Gusmao develops an educational plan and teaches Personal Development, a class that all Puentistas are required to take their first semester. There, they explore academic and career options. In addition, all Puente students and faculty

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Success Rates
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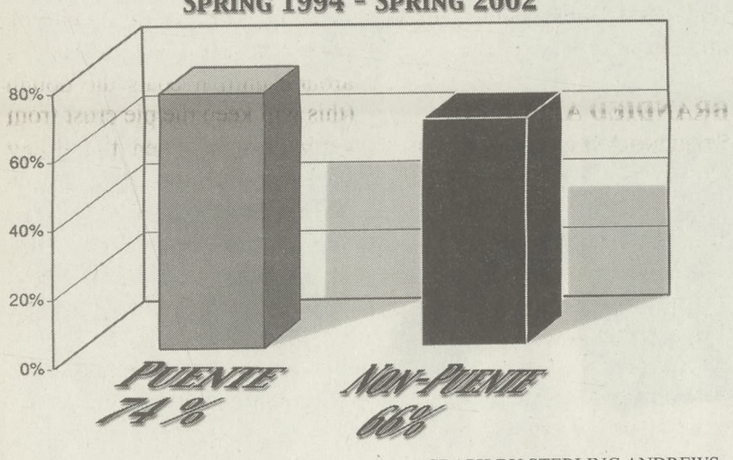

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AMAZING GRACE - Elina Jaiden flies across the stage to the sounds of "The Valley Symphony Orchestra" on Nov.. 23 at the Mainstage Theatre.

Swept Away

BY TAMMY ABBOTT
STAFF WRITER

One of the nicest things to do on a fall evening is to attend a concert, and that's just what approximately 400 music and dance lovers did Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Main Stage Theatre. The Valley Symphony orchestra, conducted by Robert Chauls in a special performance accompanied by dancers choreographed by Carla Lubow, performed "Les Petits Riens" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the "Hoe-Down" by Aaron Copeland. The dancers were well rehearsed and fluid with their movements which made them very enjoyable to watch. Music Department Chair Diane Wintrob and Valley President Dr. Tyree Wieder both said they were impressed with the orchestra and the dancers.

The orchestra also played an especially beautiful piece, "Peer Gynt Suite No. 1 Op. 46" by Edvard Hagerup Grieg. Before beginning the piece, Chauls explained that he had recently visited the home where Grieg lived and composed his music. The piece was performed so nicely that it almost seemed as if the spirit of Grieg followed Chauls back to his orchestra.

Those who missed this concert will have to wait until spring to see the Valley Symphony Orchestra. The next concert, which will feature comedy and music, is scheduled for March 15 at 8 p.m. in the Main Stage Theatre.

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DOO DAH SPIRIT - Charlie Chaplin and Jesture entertain the crowd along Colorado Blvd Nov. 24.

Got Turkey?

You've got the turkey, the stuffing, the pumpkin pie. But what else can you add to your table to make the feast a little different? For Thanksgiving, members of the Valley Star staff compiled some of their favorite recipes.

CHEDDAR-THYME BISCUITS
Cathleen Kennedy, Staff Writer

Ingredients:
4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons salt
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon cayenne
1/2 cup solid vegetable shortening
1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
1 1/2 cups buttermilk

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Coat 2 baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray. In bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, salt, baking soda and cayenne. Cut in shortening until consistency of coarse crumbs. Stir in cheese and thyme. Stir in buttermilk until dough comes together. Place dough on floured surface. Knead a few times if necessary to bring together; do not overwork. Form into thick disk; let rest 5 minutes.

Roll dough out until 1/2-inch thick. Using a 3-inch fluted biscuit cutter, cut out biscuits. Re-roll scraps; cut for total of 18 biscuits. Place biscuits, at least 2 inches apart, on prepared sheets. Bake in 400 degrees oven 16 to 18 minutes or until lightly browned.

MAKE-AHEAD TIP: Let biscuits cool completely on wire rack. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 2 days. To serve, gently reheat in the oven at 350 degrees.

CORNBREAD CASSEROLE
Shari Sollars, Staff Writer

1 can kernel corn (drained)
1 can creamed corn
2 eggs
1 stick margarine
1 box jiffy corn meal
pinches of sugar, salt and pepper

Mix all ingredients. Cook at 350 for 50 minutes covered, then uncover and cook an additional 10 minutes.

PERFECT GARLIC MASH
Sterling Andrews, Editor in Chief

8 large red-skin potatoes, scrubbed but unpeeled
4 cloves fresh garlic, pressed
1 tbsp fresh oregano
Lawry's seasoned salt and pepper
2 tbsp. turkey drippings
About 1/4 cup milk or soy creamer and 1/4 cup butter, margarine or smart balance.

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All the Doo Dah Day

BY TAMMY ABBOTT
STAFF WRITER

Imagine the craziest costume party in the world, click your heels three times, and open your eyes to the Doo Dah Parade, where participants wear multi colored costumes, from underwear to outerwear. The famous "Toast Master," adorned with pieces of toast hanging all over his body, and the sublime Charlie Chaplain, who enjoyed the company of his clown companion, were just a few of the wacky attendees.

For 20 years, the spoof on the world famous Rose parade has been a favorite of the community. Although it started about 45 minutes late on the overcast Sunday before Thanksgiving, that didn't douse the spectators spirits. Once the parade was underway, crazy string was flying along with tortillas and crepe paper ribbons. The crowds lining the streets of Colorado Blvd in Old Pasadena had a great time interacting with the parade participants. A big crowd pleaser was the "Press Photographers Association of Greater Los Angeles" who surprised onlookers with a feeding frenzy of flashes and questions. Bands played, dancers swayed and everyone had a good time all the Doo Dah day.

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DOO DAH-Paraders had a devilish time at the Doo Dah Parade in Pasadena on Nov. 24.

From the Blotter: Drunk and Disorderly and Deadly Weapon Arrest

A look at the campus sheriff's press board in bungalow 59 shows the following significant crimes.

BY BEN JAURON
NEWS EDITOR

Campus security faced several unusual crimes in November. A sleepy kid toting a deadly weapon, a drunken muckraker, rowdy pro-lifers flashing pictures of the unborn dead and a shifty-eyed textbook thief to name a few.

A 17-year-old male was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon in parking lot G Friday. Deputy Sheriff Steven Gutierrez found him reclining in the front seat of a gold Chevy at 9:50 a.m. Gutierrez was concerned about the youth because the vehicle was covered in dust, surrounded by litter and appeared abandoned, according to the incident report.

"I couldn't tell if he was asleep or unconscious, but I believe he laid the seat down when he saw us coming," said Gutierrez.

Gutierrez said when tapped on the window the youth charged out of the car and acted very jumpy while he questioned him. This concerned Gutierrez, who then patted him down for weapons and found a 5" pair of homemade brass knuckles in his pocket that the youth said he used for self-defense. The suspect was booked for possession of a deadly weapon and released to his brother. Campus security said they have had confrontations with the minor in the past for bringing weapons on campus. He will appear in court in January.

"You don't come onto Valley College with a weapon when I'm working," said Gutierrez, who was on overtime when he made the arrest.

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A student was arrested for disorderly conduct (drunk in public) near bungalow 67 at 10 a.m. Nov. 1. The man had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, stumbled as he walked, reeked of alcohol and acted threateningly, according to the incident report. He said he had been drinking "African juice."

"I'm not going anywhere, you can't make me do anything," the suspect yelled at security officers. He disrupted his "how to coach athletes class" by making disparaging remarks against the United States and other irate behavior. He also said he would sue campus security and the college as he poked Deputy Guillermo Vera in the chest, according to the report.

It took two sets of handcuffs to subdue the man. Deputy Sheriff Randy Tuinstra told him not to come back to campus until a disciplinary hearing with administration is held. According to the report, the man also created a disturbance about a month earlier and got a warning from Vice President of Student Services Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye.

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An unknown student stole a business law textbook from on top of the campus center ATM at 10:32 a.m. on Nov. 14, which was left behind by another student a few minutes earlier, according to the incident report. The theft was captured on video by the surveillance camera that monitors the ATM. Though the identity of the suspect is unknown, the incident report said he is "known to loiter near monarch square."

If someone finds property on campus, whether it's marked with the owner's identification or not, the finder must turn it into the lost and found in the sheriff's bungalow (59) where sheriffs will log the return. If the owner doesn't come for it in 60 to 90 days, the finder may claim it.

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Two 12" speakers and a car stereo amplifier were stolen from a 1999 GMC Yukon parked in lot G between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Nov. 5. The total damages were $1,350 and security found no suspects or witnesses.

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Several pro-life activists were removed from campus and two were arrested for interference with the peaceful conduct of schools shortly after 11 a.m. on Nov. 6. The activists had no permit to be on campus and created a confrontation with pro-choice students after they displayed graphic images of mutilated fetuses and began handing out literature.

The pro-life group visits many high school, college and university campuses and is known for circumventing the rules and causing disturbances. The two arrested at Valley will appear in court in January.

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Armenian families coping with the memory of the Armenian Genocide of the early 20th century. According to Kassakhian, it was the highest-grossing movie in the country in its opening weekend per-screen, although it was only shown in six theatres, all in either New York or Los Angeles.

"We want to introduce who we are, our history and our culture," said Erna Aridzanyan, secretary of the A.S.A. "We're a very old culture and we have a lot to say."

The A.S.A. also set up a showcase in the Campus Center to display several aspects of Armenian culture, including musical instruments, cooking utensils, religious paraphernalia and several photographs of Armenian landmarks. Aridzanyan took most of the photographs; she was born in Yerevan and came to the United States at age 17.

Although the A.S.A. scheduled the festivities two months in advance, few non-Armenians there were aware of the event until they heard music blaring from the quad and saw club members serving free food.

"I didn't know about it, I came over because I heard nice music," said student Domonique Ford.

But people of many races and ethnic backgrounds did show up for the celebration, and this delighted Valley President Dr. Tyree Wieder and student body President Sam Kbushyan.

"It's very important for people to know their own cultural background and to learn about the cultural backgrounds of others," said Wieder.

"The valley is the place," Kbushyan said. "You don't have to visit the world, just come to the valley. This college is really the eighth wonder of the world."

'Café'

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was the middle of the semester, enrollment was down and there just weren't as many students."

Since the cafeteria becomes congested during busy times of the day, rushing students who need a quick bite have their choice of several convenient foods like cereal, cappuccinos, juices, and breakfast sandwiches sold at the café without having to wait in long lines. It also serves freshly prepared foods, salads and hot soup, which has sold out daily since the café opened. Fast foods served in the cafeteria are also available at the café upon request, so students don't need to sacrifice variety for convenience.

"If someone wants something from one of the shops in the cafeteria, I have no problem going over there to get it for them," said cafeteria worker Laura Wong. "But nobody knows we're here."

Many students and faculty members were surprised to hear of its existence and several others said they knew about it but hadn't visited. Those who have stumbled upon it say it's a great convenience and a pleasant experience. "It's pretty nice and they have nice employees," said student Matthew Fine. "It's also faster than the cafeteria."

"We're slowly starting to increase business," said Allen. "Awareness is consistently increasing as the semester goes on."

Although the café isn't as busy as the cafeteria, Allen said it's making enough money to remain open, and he is hopeful that business will increase next semester. He also said that there are tentative plans to reopen the snack hut by the life science building during the winter session.

"The number one thing is convenience for the students," said Allen. "That's why we're doing this."

Staff writer Arlene Mejia contributed to this article.

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we get are unbelievable," said Edwin Henderson, service advocate at the shelter. "We are pretty much the only family housing in the area, no one gets turned away, and this will help out with the Thanksgiving meals." Volunteer work or donations are accepted anytime at the shelter, which is located at 7843 Lankershim Blvd.

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Slice potatoes, boil, drain. Place in a large bowl or pot with garlic, seasonings and turkey drippings. Adding milk and butter gradually, beat with electric mixer until desired consistency is met (some like chunky potatoes, others like them creamy). You may not use all the milk and butter, or you may use more depending on how you like them. Finally, place potatoes in a glass casserole dish and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes, or until the top gets golden brown and crispy.

BRANDIED APPLE PIE
STERLING ANDREWS, EDITOR IN CHIEF

1/2c packed brown sugar
1/4cup granulated suger
1 tbsp cornstarch
1/4tsp ground nutmeg
1/8 tsp salt
1/4cup apple brandy
6 tart apples, cored and peeled
3 tbsp butter
pinch ground cloves & cinnamon
2 uncooked pie pastry doughs.
1 egg

Mix all ingredients, except for egg, dough and butter in a large bowl. Turn into a large pot and cook over a medium flame, stirring constantly, for three or four minutes or until mixture begins to thicken slightly. Set aside. Place raw egg in a standard pie pan already lined with pastry dough. Swish the egg around until it coats the dough (this will keep the pie crust from getting soggy when the filling cooks). Discard egg, turn in apple mixture. Dot with butter and seal with second pie crust, leaving slits for steam to escape. I like to cut the second crust into leaf-like shapes and arrange them over the apple mixture. It takes longer, but it's very pretty.

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So what if Columbus wasn't the first to "discover" America. He was the first to tell everyone about it, and that made a big difference. Christopher Columbus was the first one to report that there was a New World out there, and thanks to him, native culture in the Americas has never been the same.

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Still, there's a significant difference between Columbus and other explorers who came to the Americas before him. Norse, Chinese, and Egyptian explorers didn't kill and enslave hundreds of thousands of native peoples, nor did they claim that the land they'd "found" was their own. When Columbus and his men came ashore on the Bahama Islands, the Arawak people greeted them with gifts, of which Columbus wrote: "They would make fine servants… with fifty men, we could subjugate them all and make them do whatever we want" and, later "As soon as I arrived in the Indies, on the first island which I found, I took some of the natives by force in order that they give me information of whatever there is in this land." Since the Arawaks wore tiny pieces of gold as jewelry, Columbus was convinced that the land was rich and, on his next visit in 1495, ordered all natives over the age of 14 to collect a certain quantity of gold every three months. When they brought it, they were given a copper token to wear around their necks. Those found without copper tokens had their hands cut off and bled to death. Columbus's visits to the islands brought nothing but pain and death to the native people, many of whom committed mass sui-

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tion.

"Dr. Delahoussaye has an open door policy and she has been there so many times," said B.S.U. treasurer Tara Perry. "It would be nice if other staff members had one as well." She also encouraged faculty to introduce black students to colleagues willing to give on-the-job training.

Delahoussaye passed out a faculty and staff mentoring program packet and encouraged the professionals in the audience to enlist. If successful, the program will link students with established role models and increase graduation and transfer rates.

"Students come to me without many of the skills needed to be successful, but I'll help them," said supplemental English instructor Sarina Grant, who said she has a 100 percent success rate in preparing students for English 101. Transfer Center Director Joyce Romero also pledged her full support to the program.

"There was one person who helped me get into UCLA," said transfer center staff member Caprice Young. "I hope that black students will allow me to be their one person. I'm looking forward to giving something back." African-American History professor and B.S.U. advisor Barbara Stoffer added that every person who's successful didn't do it alone.

Student Lanae Foster said, "I like the mentoring program ideal, but the blacks who actually go to class seem fine. It's the ones who hang out in the quad, they're not here to learn. They act like they're in high school, it's like they don't realize they're in college now."

"We did this to let the black faculty and staff know how to better help us," said B.S.U. Vice President Sheretha Thomas. "We need to build a better relationship with them."

Delahoussaye and Romero will be working with other clubs on campus such as M.E.Ch.A. and the Armenian Student Association to get similar strategies in place for those groups. The B.S.U. meets Tuesdays at noon in Bungalow 67 and Thursdays at noon in the fireside room.

'Puente'

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options. In addition, all Puente students and faculty attend an annual motivational conference at different UC campuses.

"Although the program is sponsored by the UC system, we're not limited to only UC's," said Gusmao. "We look into art schools, private schools, out-of-state schools, wherever the student's interests lie."

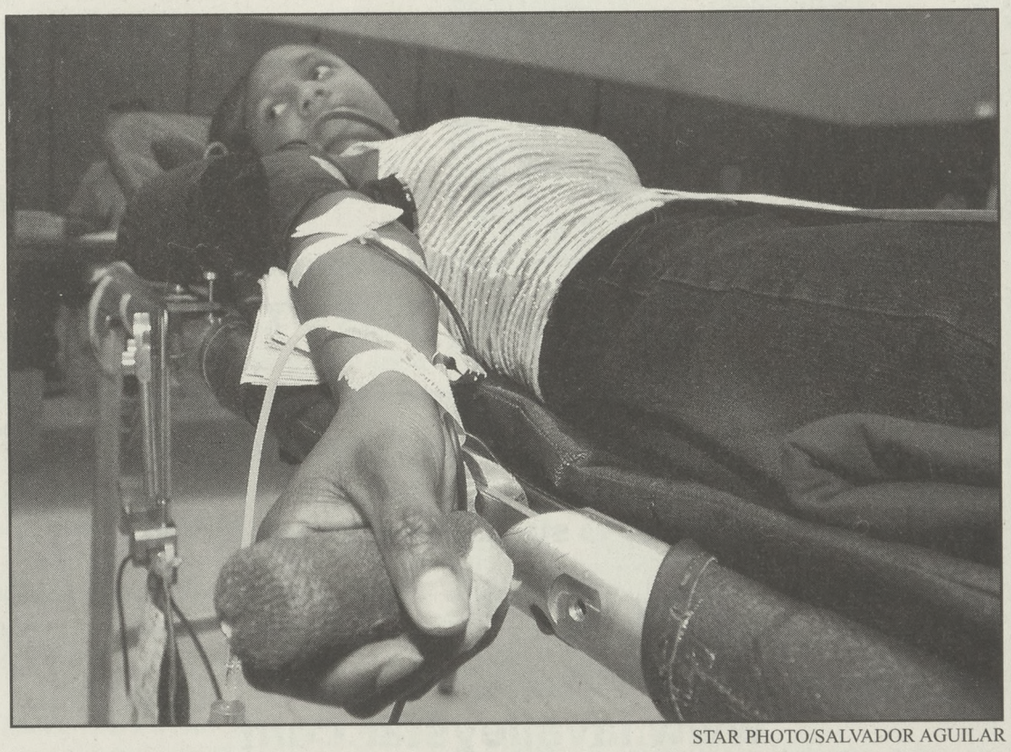
The final component of the Puente project is mentoring. Students are paired up with professionals in the community who hold careers in fields of interest to each respective student. They share their abilities to balance family life, career and education while keeping in touch with their cultural background.

Since the Puente project's main goal is college completion, one challenge is trying to keep track of all the students, said both Moore and Gusmao.

"I've seen a few students move on," said Moore. "The problem is that we haven't had the same counselor every year. Without the same counselor, it's much more difficult to have any kind of database where we can get in contact with each student."

Gusmao, who started as Puente counselor about a year ago, said that that it is much easier to keep track of each student while they are still in the Puente classes, but that after that, it is really hard to know where they are.

"What I want to emphasize now is trying to keep track of students after they complete their first year," said Gusmao. "Ultimately, I want to see these guys graduate and come back to mentor future Puentistas.



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GIVING-Biology major Latoya Harris is donating blood at the Valley Thanksgiving Blood drive, sponsored by USC.

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cide or killed their own children just to save them from the Spaniards.

Western civilization does not stand for people at their best. Perhaps there are some reports that the native cultures practiced human sacrifice and cannibalism, but they did not torture, enslave, rape and burn hundreds of thousands of men, women and children just for the gold in their lands.

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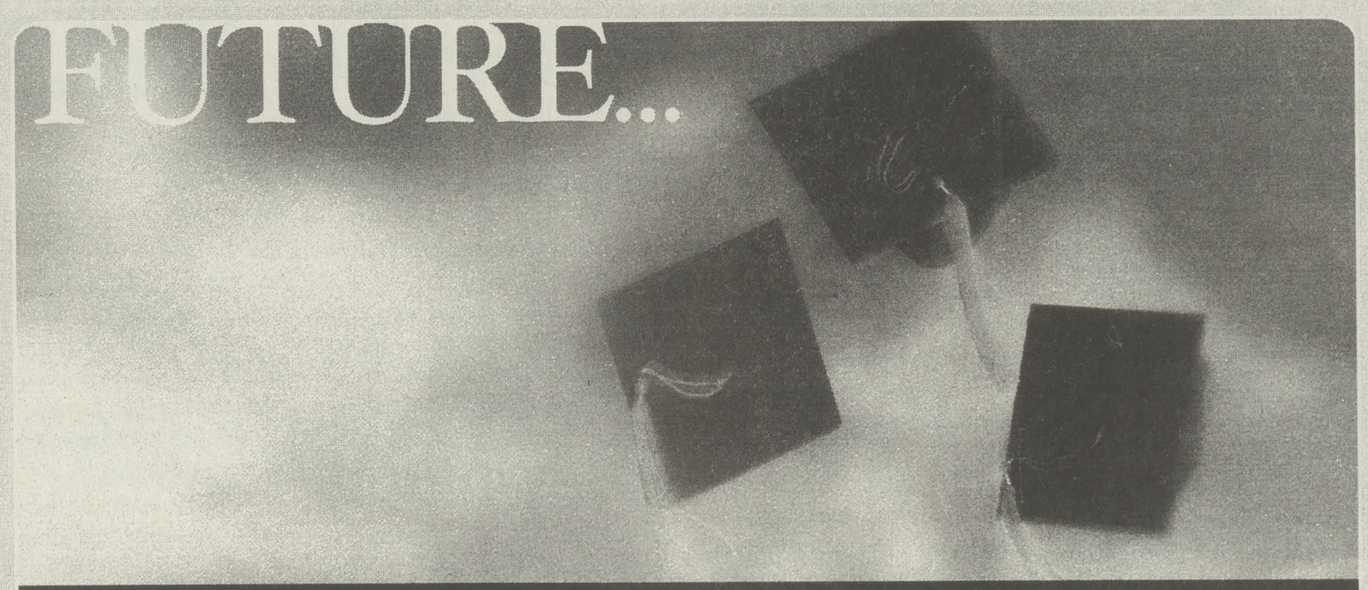

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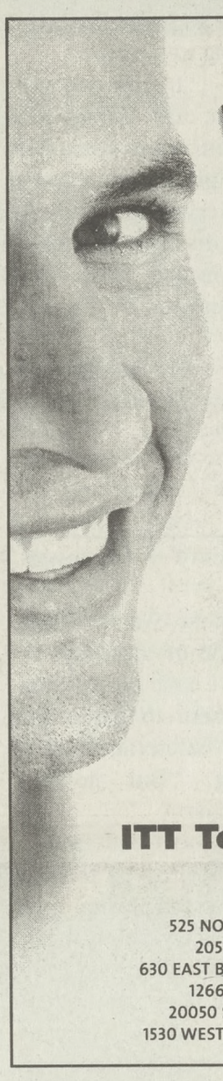

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FOOTBALL - SEASON FINALE

Valley Loses to Citrus in Season Finale

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LOSING GROUND-Two Monarchs try to wrestle the ball away from a citrus runningback. Game was Saturday at Citrus Stadium in Azusa.

■ *The Monarchs close out the 2002 season by losing on the road to the Owls.*

BY BOB TEICHMANN
SPORTS EDITOR

Valley finished its football season on a low note Saturday, losing to the Citrus Owls 20-17.

The Monarchs scored two minutes into the first quarter when Craig Chisholm blocked a punt and ran it down to the end zone for the first touchdown of the game.

Edward Mitchell, Jr. made sure the Monarchs ended the first quarter with a lead by blocking two consecutive "hail Mary" passes by Citrus.

But citrus began building momentum in the second quarter. The owls ran through an opening in Valley's defensive line, scoring a touchdown four minutes into the quarter.

"They're picking us apart all the way down the field," Travis Bass said.

Schauntte Parker tried to lead an offensive rally for Valley by recovering what the Monarchs thought was a fumble and running it in for a touchdown. But the play was ruled a downed ball, canceling the Monarchs' run.

Valley tried several last-minute plays to increase their lead. Quarterback Kevin Arbuckle was sacked on a pass attempt, but Ryan Donahue followed by scoring a field goal and ended the half with the Monarchs leading 10-6.

The Owls fought back in the third, scoring a touchdown. However, Valley regained the lead at the end of the quarter when James Norris caught a 47-yard pass from Kevin Arbuckle to score a touchdown.

The fourth quarter was physical. Citrus ran down one of their own men on a rushing play and locked facemasks with a Monarch on another play.

One of the Owls was ordered off the field after he refused to stop verbally bantering the referee. Not long after, Citrus responded by scoring their final touchdown of the game.

With the Monarchs' football season in the books, the team will reevaluate their loses; noting which of them could have been easy victories, and working to make sure that a season like this doesn't repeat itself.

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	DIV.	PCT.	PF	AVG.	PA	AVG.	SSN.	PCT.
MOORPARK	7-0	1.000	274	39.1	123	17.6	8-1	.900
VENTURA	5-2	.714	188	26.9	125	17.9	6-4	.600
CITRUS	4-3	.571	164	23.4	203	29.0	5-5	.500
SANTA BARBARA	3-4	.429	109	15.6	168	24.0	5-5	.500
L.A. VALLEY	**3-4**	**.429**	**137**	**19.6**	**119**	**17.0**	**4-6**	**.400**
GLENDALE	3-4	.429	148	21.1	192	27.4	3-7	.300
BAKERSFIELD	2-5	.286	166	23.7	188	26.9	4-6	.400
EAST L.A.	1-6	.143	171	24.4	239	34.1	1-9	.100

11/23/02 Monarchs vs. Owls
GAME STATS

	LAVC	CC
Score	17	20
First Downs	9	18
By Passing	5	15
By Rushing	3	2
By Penalty	1	1
Number of Passes	25	37
Completed	15	24
Average	60%	65%
Yards Gained	173	289

LAVC SCORES
week of 11/18/02

FOOTBALL (4-6)
Citrus 20 Valley 17

MEN'S BASKETBALL (5-3)
Santa Barbara City 40 Valley 82
*Curtis Isom - 17 pts. 4 stls.
*Midwin Francis - 10 pts. 11 rb.
Next Games:
Condor Classic
11/29-12/1 @ Oxnard

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (7-1)
Valley 55 Cuesta 26
*3rd in Southern California
* 5th in State
Next Games:
Sequoia Invitational 12/5-8

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An Opinion

Will The Real Lakers Please Stand Up

BY BOB TEICHMANN
SPORTS EDITOR

With the return of Shaquille O'Neal, the Los Angeles Lakers are playing like things are back to normal. But will their winning streak last? Will they stay consistent?

In the first few games of the season, the Lakers have maintained an unusual level of consistency. They *consistently* remain at the bottom of the standings when Shaq is out, yet they *consistently* win when he's in.

What's going on? Can't the team that bulldozed through the playoffs and The Finals for the last three years win a handfull of games without their "big man"? Do they really need "diesel" to drive their season along?

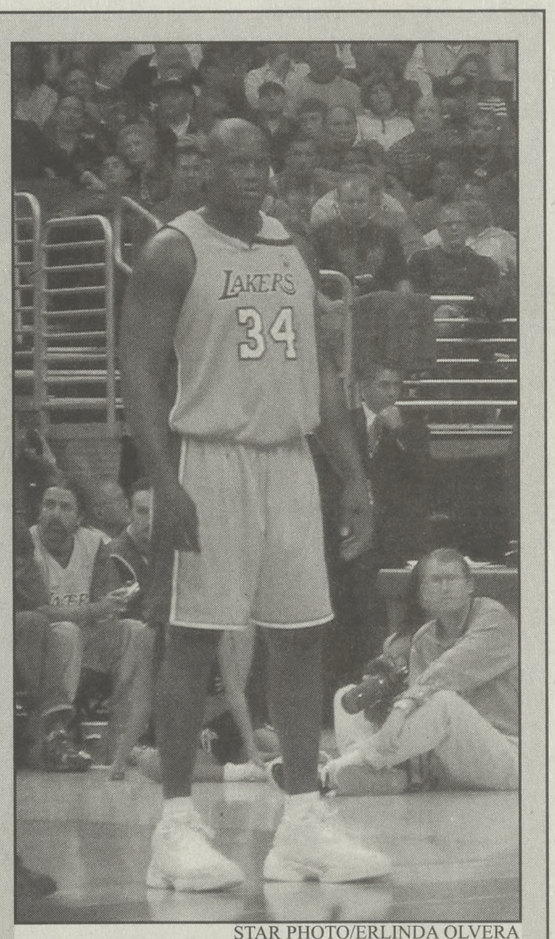
If the Lakers were in the NFL, their season would be over. They look more like the Detroit Lions than a basketball team, letting a toe sideline them and winning only on luck.

The results of their first 15 games lead me to believe that the defending NBA champions can't win when Shaq is not in the lineup. The proof is simple: they failed to win back-to-back games when they played without him.

How do they solve this problem? How do they avoid a first-round playoff sweep due to Shaqlessness? To me, the answer is obvious: Get another game plan.

Triangle offense is the most dominant play strategy in NBA history. It helped the Lakers become the defending champions, yet they haven't used it this season. If they want to go to the NBA Finals again, they need to resume the triangle offense and adapt it to every man on the team, not just the starting lineup.

The Lakers would benefit from having a back-up plan for when Shaq is out other than giving Kobe Bryant the ball and watching him play. I believe the Lakers can win consistently if their new game plan has more than one key play. If not, we still have the Clippers.



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HE'S BACK-Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal at the tribute game for Chick Hearn Nov. 24.

Lady Monarchs Shoot Down Cougars

BY BOB TEICHMANN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Monarchs defeated the Cuesta Cougars 55-26 Thursday.

"That's just how we play," guard Erica Hightower said. "We're here to win."

Valley maintained a lead throughout the entire game, building a 19-8 lead after the first 10 minutes of play.

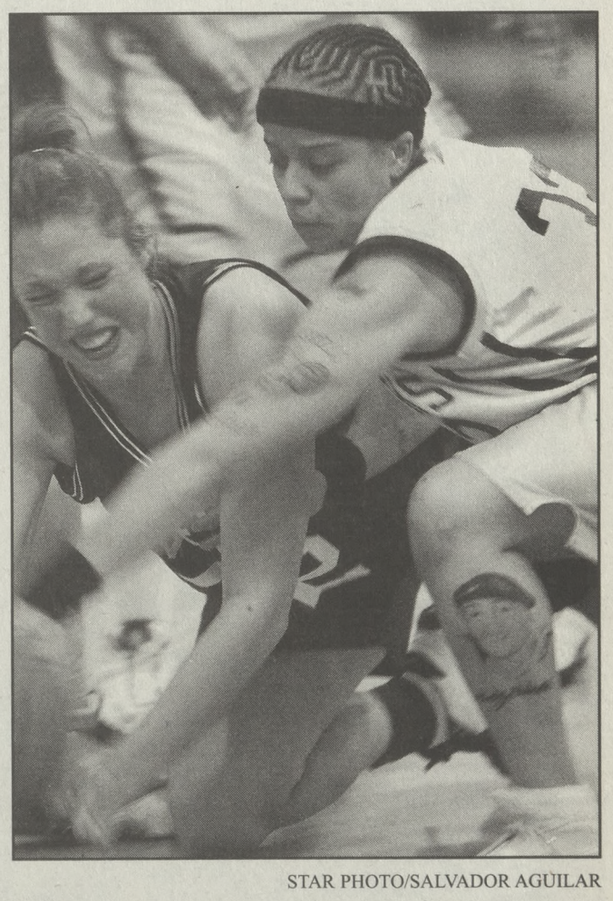
The Monarchs ran a passing game early on, including an assist from Erica Hightower to Krystal Gillespie for an open jumpshot.

Cuesta had no chance at open shots because of Valley's tight defense. Cougars forward Heather Nursement experienced Valley's defense first-hand as Richelle Sherman blocked two consecutive shot attempts.

Valley went on an 11-0 scoring run in the last 10 minutes of the first half, ending with a 30-8 lead.

The game was sealed by a 25-point scoring run by the Monarchs in the second half, leaving the Cougars with many questions.

The Ladies look to continue their winning ways when they play in the Sequoia Invitational December 5-8.



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FLOORING IT-Forward Erica Hightower (right) reaches for the ball as the Lady Monarchs crushed Cuesta College 55-26 at the first home game of the season.

8 Gallery

Armenian Day

Students and community members celebrated Armenian Day in Monarch Square on a bright sunny afternoon Nov. 19. Attendees ate kabobs and rice prepared by Valley's Armenian Students' Association while Ardashes Kassakhian, Government Relations Director of the Armenian National Committee of America's Western Region, gave a speech and Aram Gasparyan played violin. A poet and dancers entertained Armenian students and the rest of the Valley College community.

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